1	2	3	4	5
June	1982.74	1735.39	2401.78	2524.25
July	1977.66	1679.76	2337.85	2415.13
August	1917.22	1637.92	2505.34	2507.00
September	1963.38	1854.49	2645.25	2234.41
October	1869.53	1788.43	2517.81	2767.27
November	2124.95	1898.76	2629.02	2608.74
December	1891.28	2176.47	2498.34	2805.03
January	1841.25	1797.08	2587.58	2779.74
February	1859.26	1602.02	2734.05	2675.75
March	2175.07	2568.24	3253.13	3708.60
Revenue from sale of confiscated gold and silver during the year	35.51 23717.28	149.11 22058.57	30651.37	31592.14

*Exclusive of cesses not administered by the Department of Revenue.

Irregularities by Private Airlines

5435. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of certain gross irregularities committed by a private airline service with regard to the provisions of bank guarantee and/or other transacitons with banks and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to prevent such gross irregularities in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) In accordance with the practices and usages customary among banks and in the conformity with provisions of statutes governing public sector banks, information relating to individual constituents of the banks can not be divulged.

Global Tenders for Currency Presses

5436. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delay in finalising the global tenders for setting up two new currency printing presses has upset the aid programme of certain countries in this respect;

(b) if so, the names of countries which were to give aid for the purpose, stating the nature and extent of aid to be received by Government from them;

(c) what are the reasons for delay in finalising the global tenders for the new currency printing presses; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to finalise the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHAR MURTHY): (a): No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Reserve Bank of India is still in the midst of negotiations with the parties in the field and an agreement is expected to be reached shortly.

Fresh Package for Foreign Investors

5437. SHRI AHMED MOHMED-BHAI PATEL:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a fresh package of reforms to appease foreign investors:

(b) if so, what are the main points that are being considered to improve the foreign investment plans;

(c) what are the countries which have so far come forward to invest in India;

(d) how much has been agreed to be invested;

(e) what are the countries which have not so far come forward to invest in India;

(f) whether some of the countreis have pointed out the drawbacks and have sought clarifications in this regard; and

(g) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to meet their demands and to liberalise the concessions to encourage them to invest in large scale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHAR MURTHY): (a): No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) A statement showing country-wise break up of foreign investment approved during 1991 to 1994 (February) is annexed. [*See* Appendix 170, annexure No. 112]

(f) and (g) Foreign investor grievances received from time to time are reviewed within the existing policy framework, and necessary measures taken to remove the bottlenecks. Foreign Investment Policy is continually reviewed to facilitate greater inflow of foreign investment in the country.

Agriculture & Rural Debt Relief Scheme in Gujarat

5438. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers and landless agricultural labourers in the country particularly in Gujarat who are benefitted under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990;

(b) the amount of relief provided under the above scheme to the States so far;

(c) how much financial burdens the Central Government and the States will bear on account of the scheme;

(d) whether Government propose to formulate any other scheme so as to give more benefits to farmers in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The total number of farmers, landless labourers, artisans and weavers who have benefitted under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990 through Public Sector Banks, Cooperative Banks and Regional Rural Banks, in the State of Gujarat vis-a-vis in the country as a whole, are given below:

	No. of beneficiaries (*in lakhs*)
Gujarat	13.44
All-India	316.29

(b) and (c) The Central Government had committed to underwrite the entire burden of the relief provided under ARDR Scheme, 1990 by Public Sector Banks and Regional Rural Banks and to provide 50 per cent assistance for the relief provided by cooperative credit institutions by way of grant. The other 50 per cent of the relief under the Scheme in respect of cooperative credit institutions was to be borne by the State Governments, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), which has been entrusted with the responsibility for implementation and reimbursement of claims under the Scheme has reported the following position about the claims lodged and the amount reimbursed there against so far:

(Rs. in crores)

	Cooperative Credit Institutions	
	Claims lodged	Amount sanctioned
Gujarat	331.53	297.11
All-India	4096.11	3442.26

The release of balance amount will be considered by NABARD only after receipt of final/revised claims from Gujarat State Cooperative Bank and Gujarat State Land Development Bank duly complying with the instructions of